



Information about your water, drainage, wastewater and solid waste utility services.



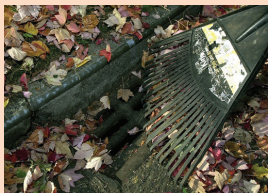
March Means More Options

Seattle Public Utilities is proud to introduce new changes to your solid waste service that will help our region reduce its impact on landfills and climate change, and provide you with more recycling opportunities! Starting **March 30**, these changes will include:

- ✓ **New collection day** for some households.
- ✓ **Weekly food and yard waste collection** for all households.
- ✓ **Meat, fish and dairy scraps** accepted in your food and yard waste cart.
- ✓ **More paper, plastic and metal** items can be recycled.
- ✓ **All recycling goes in one cart** – no more separating glass bottles and jars!
- ✓ **Electronics, used motor oil and bulky item** special collection service.
- ✓ **New collection trucks** that are quieter and run on compressed natural gas, dramatically reducing key pollutants in your neighborhood.

For more details on Seattle's recycling programs, look for upcoming issues of @ Your Service or sign up for CurbWaste E-News at www.seattle.gov/lists.

Adopt a Drain and Prevent Flooding



Falling leaves and increased rains can block storm drains and lead to flooding. You can help prevent flooding in your neighborhood by volunteering with the Adopt-A-Drain program.

Adopt-A-Drain volunteers commit to keeping four or more storm drains free of leaves and debris. Seattle Public Utilities will support volunteers with gloves, bags, brooms, rakes, and safety vests, and can also help with disposing of leaves.

To join, please call **(206) 684-7647**, leave your name, phone number, and address, and we will send you everything you need to get started. For more information, go to www.seattle.gov/util/adoptadrain.

Holiday Collection Schedule

Customers will have regular garbage, recycling or yard waste collections on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11. Seattle Public Utilities will have no garbage, recycling or yard waste collections on the following holidays:

- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27
- Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25
- New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1

If your regular collection day falls on or after Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day, collection will be one day later that week.

Foam Ban Begins January 1



The City of Seattle's ban on the use of expanded polystyrene (EPS) food service ware by restaurants and other food service providers will begin in the new year. Typical EPS or "Styrofoam" products include "clamshells," bowls, plates, and beverage cups. Businesses must change to recyclable plastic or compostable food service products, including lids and utensils, by July 1, 2010. Learn more by going to www.resourceventure.org/plasticfoamban.

Free Electronics Recycling



Good news about what to do with old electronics! By law, starting **January 1, 2009**, you can recycle an old television, computer, or monitor for free at designated locations. This law applies only to households, charities, school districts, small businesses, and small governments. Contact www.ecyclewashington.org or **1-800-RECYCLE**.

Stay Green This Holiday Season



Seattle residents may recycle holiday trees and greens in their yard waste containers between December 26, 2008 and January 11, 2009. Yard waste subscribers can put trees and greens out on their regular yard waste collection day. Cut trees into sections, six feet long or shorter, with branches trimmed to less than four feet to fit into the collection trucks. Trunks should not exceed four inches in diameter. Bundle each section with sisal string or twine (not plastic). Decorated or flocked trees are not recyclable. Residents can also drop trees off free of charge at the city's North and South Recycling and Disposal stations. Trees should not be more than eight feet tall and must be free of decoration. The stations will accept up to three trees per vehicle for free. Find station hours at www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Garbage or by calling (206) 684-3000.

Keep the Chill Out!

Each winter homes are damaged due to water pipes that freeze and burst. By taking a few simple precautions, you can help save yourself from the mess, money and headaches of burst frozen pipes.



Before the Cold Hits

- * Insulate pipes in your home's crawl spaces, basement and attic. Exposed pipes are most susceptible to freezing. The more insulation you use, the better the protection.
- * Heat tape can be used to wrap pipes. Closely follow the manufacturer's installation and operation instructions.
- * Seal leaks and close foundation vents to minimize cold air entering your house and freezing pipes. Open vents again in the spring to prevent dry rot.
- * Drain and disconnect garden hoses and insulate hose bibs.
- * Know where your water shut-off valve is located.

Waste Free Holidays

Give an experience instead of stuff, and reduce your garbage this holiday season through Waste Free Holidays. From November 15 to December 31, more than 120 local businesses and organizations will offer discounts of 15 percent or more on tickets, gift certificates or memberships for concerts, plays, sporting events, spa treatments, museums, restaurants and much, much more! Find details at www.wastefreeholidays.com.



Snow/Ice Garbage Collections

Garbage and recycling pickups can be delayed during snowy and icy weather. If your garbage



is not picked up during a storm, leave it out to be collected the following day. If weather still prevents collection, put all

of your items out the next week on your regular collection day. You can report a missed garbage, recycling or yard waste collection after 6 p.m. on the day it was missed or within two working days by calling (206) 684-3000 or visiting www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Garbage. Be the first to know! Sign up for CurbWaste & Conserve E-News to receive e-mail alerts on weather impacts to your services. Go to www.seattle.gov/lists.

